

REMARKS

The Office rejects claims 1-4, 11, 14-16, and 18 in the subject application. Claims 5-10, 12, 13, and 17 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicant cancels claims 1-18 and adds new claims 19-27 in this Response. Claims 19-27 (1 independent claims and 9 total claims) remain pending in the application.

The Examiner objects to the Specification for informalities, alleging paragraphs [0013] through [0043] improperly reference the claims, paragraphs [0075] and [0097] do not properly identify a trademark, and that the pages are not numbered. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0013] through [0043], [0075], and [0097] to remove the reference to the claims and properly identify the TEFLON® trademark. The application as filed did not have page numbers, because the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's own software (for filing applications electronically) did not provide a means to do so. Thus, Applicant requests that the page numbering objection be waived, because it was due to the limitations of the Office itself.

The Examiner refused consideration of the foreign documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) filed on June 22, 2004 and March 16, 2005 by striking through the citations. Applicant's Attorney Shahpar Shahpar spoke with Primary Examiner Lee Cohen on November 14, 2005 regarding this matter, because Applicant did indeed provide copies of these foreign documents in each IDS as cited. **Primary Examiner Cohen indicated that Applicant should note this matter and include a courtesy copy of each IDS including the acknowledgement from the Office, so that he will consider the foreign references and initial his consideration in an IDS form in the next action. Applicant attaches IDSs filed on June 22, 2004 and March 16, 2005 (with the acknowledgement from the Office) for the Examiner's review.**

Support for the various amendments may be found in the originally filed specification, claims, and figures. For example, support for new claims 19-27 can be found at paragraphs [0095] to [0098] and Figure 4 of the subject application (as published). No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102 REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 11, 14-16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Nisch (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,062, issued February 29, 2000, assignee is NMI Naturwissenschaftliches und Medizinisches Institut).

Based on the cancellation of claims 1-18, the rejection of claims 1-4, 11, 14-16, and 18 is moot over Nisch. Thus, Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is thus requested. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if he or she has any questions whatsoever regarding this Response or the present application in general. **If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 1928-14 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.**

Respectfully submitted,

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